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FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS RECEIVES AWARD

Boise, Idaho - July 14, 2004 – Mike Field, Idaho State Director for USDA Rural Development announced that on July 1, 2004 the Rural Development-Twin Falls Staff presented a plaque to First Federal Bank celebrating their efforts and achievements. First Federal Bank of Twin Falls was the second highest lender for the State of Idaho in number of loans. They were also recognized for being the third highest lender in dollars loaned for USDA Rural

Development's Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Program. USDA Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural development needs and the GRH program has provided over \$22 million dollars for housing in rural areas so far in FY 2004. "It is through dedicated partners like First Federal that we are able to make homeownership possible for more families in Idaho, said Mr. Field, "Their efforts have provided 24 families in the Magic Valley/Mini-Cassia area the opportunity to fulfill the dream of home ownership." The loans, totaling \$1,790,240 for the period October 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004, also help the local economy. Appreciation was given for their participation in this program and the commitment of First Federal to homeownership in rural Idaho.



LaDeane Brown (left), Housing Specialist for USDA Rural Development and Brenda Holmes, Vice President/Manager of Mortgage Lending hold plaque presented by USDA Rural Development.